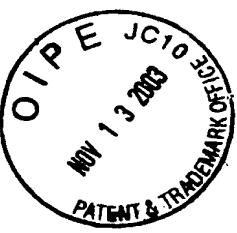


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
Mark J. Kline et al. : Confirmation No. 3289
Serial No. 09/633,422 : Group Art Unit 3761
Filed August 7, 2000 : Examiner Dennis W. Ruhl

For Absorbent Article With Improved Fastening System

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment, dated October 22, 2003, wherein the above-mentioned application was abandoned for failure to timely file new formal drawings, the Applicants herein respectfully petition the Honorable Commissioner for Patents to reconsider and withdraw the holding of said abandonment for the following reasons:

1. In the Notice of Allowability, dated June 2, 2003, the Official Draftsperson required that the Applicants submit corrected drawings by September 2, 2003.
2. On August 4, 2003, Applicants submitted new formal drawings in response to said Notice of Allowance. Applicants received a postcard from the United States Patent and Trademark Office with a date stamp of August 7, 2003, which confirms submission of said formal drawings. Attached is a copy of said postcard. Also attached is a copy of the previously submitted formal drawings.

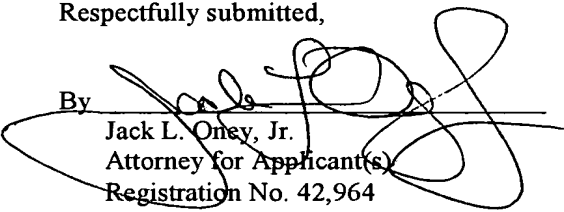
To illustrate the above receipt and/or submission of the aforementioned letters, Applicants have enclosed a copy of the file wrapper jacket where all actions in the present application are logged.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants and the undersigned attorney hereby state that the Notice of Abandonment for failure to timely submit formal drawings is improper.

WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully request that this petition be accepted and the above-identified application be reinstated for prosecution, as allowed under MPEP 711.02 and 711.03.

Respectfully submitted,

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